

Play Date - Block of the Month

Play Date Stepping Stones Mini-Quilt

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Using her Play Date and Grandma's Garden fabrics from P&B Textiles
Quilt Size: 27 1/2" - Block Size: 8"



Yardage

Block ~

- (8) 5" squares (4 light-medium prints, 4 medium-dark prints)
- (1) 5" x 18" piece of cream (CSNE 01N)

Mini-Quilt ~

- (22) 5" squares (954B, 954C, 954G, 954P, 955C, 955G, 955J, 956B, 956G, 957B, 957P, 957O, 958P, 958Y, 959J, 959P, 960J, 960P, 793C, 793T, 794G, and 795B) for blocks
- 1 fat quarter of yellow (GGAR 794Y) for sashing
- 1 fat eighth of blue rings (PDAT 960B) for blocks and sashing squares
- 1 fat eighth of yellow confetti (PDAT 959Y) for blocks and outer border blocks
- 3/8 yard of blue ducks (PDAT 958B) for blocks and outer border blocks
- 1/2 yard of blue stars (PDAT 955B) for blocks and binding
- 5/8 yard of cream solid (CSNE 01N) for blocks and borders
- 1 yard of any *Play Date* fabric for backing

Cutting

For **each** block:

From the cream (CSNE 01N), cut:

8 squares, 2" x 2"

8 rectangles, 1 1/2" x 2"

From *each* of the 3 light-medium squares, cut:

4 squares (12 total), 2" x 2" (You'll have 4 squares left for another block.)

From 1 of the light-medium square, cut:

4 squares, 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"

From *each* of the 4 medium-dark squares, cut:

1 rectangle, 3" x 3 1/2"

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From the cream, cut:

4 rectangles, 1 1/2" x 19 1/2"

64 rectangles, 1 1/2" x 2 1/2"

From the yellow, cut:

12 sashing rectangles, 1 1/2" x 8 1/2"

From the blue rings, cut:

13 squares, 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"

From the yellow confetti, cut:

32 squares, 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"

From the blue ducks, cut:

32 squares, 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"

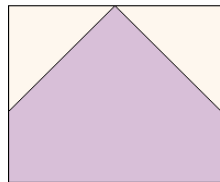
From the blue stars, cut:

3 binding strips, 2" x 42"

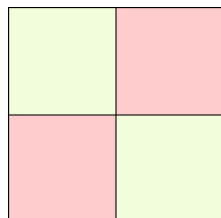
Construction

Block: *(Refer to photo as needed)*

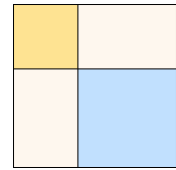
1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each 2" cream square. Place a marked square on one corner of each 3" x 3 1/2" rectangle. Sew along the line. Trim the excess fabric leaving a 1/4"-wide seam allowance; press. Sew a marked square to an adjacent corner of each rectangle; press. Make four corner units.



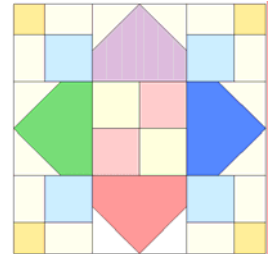
2. Using 2" squares from two prints, sew the squares together as shown to make a four-patch unit for the block center; press.



3. Sew one 2" square, one 1 1/2" square, and two 1 1/2" x 2" cream rectangles together to make a corner unit; press. Make four matching corner units.



4. Sew four side units, four corner units, and one four-patch unit together to make one block; press.
5. Repeat steps 1 — 4 to make a total of four blocks.



Mini-Quilt Assembly

6. Sew together three 1 1/2" x 8 1/2" yellow rectangles and two blocks, alternating them to make a block row. Make two block rows.
7. Sew together three 1 1/2" blue-rings squares and two 1 1/2" x 8 1/2" yellow rectangles, alternating them to make a sashing row. Make three rows.
8. Sew the sashing rows and blocks rows together, alternating them as shown in the photo.
9. Sew a 19 1/2" cream rectangle to each side of the quilt top; press. Sew a 1 1/2" blue-rings square to each end of each remaining 19 1/2" cream rectangle and sew them to the top and bottom edges.
10. Sew one 2 1/2" blue duck square, one 1 1/2" yellow square, and two 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" cream rectangles together to make a border unit; press. Make 32 border units.
11. Sew seven border units together, rotating them as shown in the photo to make a border strip. Make two and sew them to each side of the quilt top; press.
12. Sew nine border units together, rotating them as shown in the photo to make a border strip. Make two and sew them to the top and bottom edges; press.
13. Layer the quilt top with batting and backing. Quilt as desired. Bind the edges to finish. Add a label to the back of your quilt and enjoy!